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Jerome Diente Spann Found Guilty

On September 20, 2021, Judge Rachel Sullivan issued an Order finding Jerome Diente Spann guilty of Murder in the First Degree-Premeditated, Murder in the Second Degree, and Assault in the Second Degree. Mr. Spann had waived his right to a trial by jury opting for a trial to the Court which concluded August 25, 2021. These initial General Findings by the Court will be followed by Specific Findings no later than September 27, 2021. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Jessica Fralich prosecuted the case. Fralich noted, "the convictions in this matter have been a long time in coming for the family of Jeryel McBeath. We are hopeful this will provide the family some peace as we move forward to sentencing." The St. Louis County Attorney's Office extends its thanks to the Hibbing Police Department and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the work and investigation in this matter.

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